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Report of Conference with ██████████

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1. On Thursday, 6 November 1952, and Friday, 7 November 1952, the writer visited ██████████ for the purpose of observation and discussions with ██████████ in connection with the Artichoke work.

2. On Thursday, 6 November 1952, the writer met ██████████ at the ██████████ at 8:15 PM and after a short informal discussion, the writer attended a demonstration and lecture on hypnosis by ██████████ before one hundred members (all male) of the graduate chapter ██████████ a professional dental fraternity. To clarify this, all individuals present were practicing dentists in ██████████ and their ages would range between 25 and 60 years of age. ██████████ holds these meetings on regular schedule for the purpose of furthering their special interests and since at the present time the use of hypnosis in dentistry is being widely considered, the ██████████ had requested ██████████ to talk to the group and demonstrate some of the techniques and methods. ██████████ demonstration was a thoroughly professional performance and highly successful. He talked and demonstrated for approximately two and one-half hours, including a period of one hour devoted to questions and answers. As mentioned above, his work was excellent but nothing extraordinary from our point of view.

3. By pre-arrangement, the writer, on the following day, Friday, 7 November 1952, met ██████████ at his apartment and discussed the Artichoke program with him until 1:00 PM. ██████████ appears enormously interested in this work and, although at present he is employed at the ██████████ during the day ██████████ and is also lecturing on hypnosis and demonstrating at night, he expressed a willingness and an eagerness to assist in any way possible in the Artichoke work.

4. As a result of these conversations, it was agreed between ██████████ and the writer that he would develop and write up his views and ideas on the following items:

(1) ██████████ will draw up a plan of training for individuals to be taught the technique of hypnosis. This will include his views on screening, duration of training, intensity, and all necessary procedures.

(2) [REDACTED] in view of his knowledge of the Artichoke program, will develop experimental procedures for testing Artichoke techniques of a complex nature and draw up a set of proposals in which he, working in [REDACTED] on either students or professional subjects, can carry out tests which will be of interest to us. The writer discussed numerous ideas along these lines with [REDACTED] and he feels that very important work can be done in this connection which will greatly benefit the Artichoke techniques. [REDACTED] will, if necessary, be prepared to submit proposals involving the hiring of assistants or the working with individuals from this area in the event certain long-range experimentation is tried.

(3) [REDACTED] will study and write up a complete discussion on his views on Artichoke techniques in connection with the drug-hypnosis interrogation method. This will be in a sense a critique of the June 1952 Artichoke work in [REDACTED] and will contain his proposals for future work along these lines.

(4) [REDACTED] will set out in detail his techniques and ideas on induction methods, tests of suggestibility, depth tests and control methods, etc. bearing in mind the ultimate Artichoke use of these techniques.

(5) [REDACTED] will develop certain ideas for special uses of the hypnotic technique, particularly in regard to propaganda, courier systems, personality changing and conditioning. Again with special emphasis on ultimate Artichoke use.

5. In addition to the work set out above, [REDACTED] has agreed to continue to visit and hold professional discussions with [REDACTED] medical specialists, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, etc. with a view toward learning their most advanced thoughts and techniques in the narco-analysis and narco-hypnosis and anesthetic fields. He will also attempt to discover the use of any new drugs or new uses of old drugs with a view toward possible Artichoke application.

6. The writer concluded his discussion with [REDACTED] by again cautioning him of the extreme secret nature of the work and he again assured the writer he will handle all the material with utmost caution and will cover all activities along our lines behind his professional interests. [REDACTED] concluded that he could conclude his report in approximately two weeks time with between four and five days of actual work.

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